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                 Title:                      **PRESS-HARDENED COMPONENT AND PROCESS  
FOR PRODUCING A PRESS-HARDENED  
COMPONENT**

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the office action dated April 1, 2009, please reconsider the above-identified patent application based on the following: